medical, social economic and environmental rehabilitation has been circulated to the Ministries/Departments concerned of the Government of India and also to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for their views/comments.

Shortage of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh

40. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of the country are facing shortage of fertilizers particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any measures have been taken/proposed to be taken to overcome the situation;

(c) how many PSUs would increase their production and how much of the shortages is to be met by imports;

(d) whether any additional quantum of fertilizers output is earmarked for the use of farmers of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

The availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilisers in Andhra Pradesh during Kharif' 2008 have been over and above the assessed requirement as under:

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	Complex
Andhra Pradesh	Demand/ Assessed requirement	1350.00	425.00	250.00	1150.00
	Supply (Availability)	1420.41	535.27	316.66	894.01
	Sales	1363.94	534.59	314.28	883.02

As can be seen, there is on shortage of Urea, DAP and MOP in Andhra Pradesh. However, the component 'P' has been compensated by additional supplies of DAP to the tune of about one lakh MT.